

Executive Update

Milwaukee County Executive Scott Walker's Weekly Newsletter

December 1, 2006

Message From County Executive Walker

It is with deep regret that I must inform you that John Hayes, the Director of the Milwaukee County Department of Child Support Enforcement has lost his battle with cancer.

John was truly a special man who cared deeply about his family and about his work. His leadership in the field of Child Support Enforcement was recognized locally and nationally. John believed strongly in that important work. I will miss John personally and professionally. The community has lost a passionate crusader and a good man. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his wife, Eileen, and their family.

Scott



County Christmas Party

On Saturday, December 2, from 10:00am to noon, County Executive Walker and Board Chairman Lee Holloway will be hosting the annual Milwaukee County employee Christmas tree decorating party in the courthouse rotunda. Employees and their families are invited to make ornaments to decorate the courthouse Christmas tree. Holiday music will provide a festive atmosphere and children will be able to have their picture taken with Santa Claus. For more information, call Dasha Young at 278-5281.

Rosa Parks Remembered

Today marks the 51st anniversary of Rosa Parks' stand against racial segregation by her refusal to give up her seat on a bus in Montgomery, Alabama. Her quiet act of defiance is often credited with sparking the movement to end segregation in this country.

The Milwaukee County Transit System will commemorate this day by "saving a seat for Rosa." There will be signs placed on a front seat on every bus designating the seat as saved for Rosa Parks. In addition, every bus will be running with its lights on to draw attention to this event.

Milwaukee 7 Website Launched

The Milwaukee 7 Economic Development Advisory Council unveiled its new website this week. The council is an association of the seven counties in the Milwaukee area. They are: Kenosha, Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Racine, Walworth, Washington and Waukesha counties. The mission of the council is to collectively market the area to promote economic development throughout the greater Milwaukee area.

The new website is a tool to help facilitate that goal by providing a single resource for information concerning the entire region.

The new website can be accessed at www.choosemilwaukee.com

Holiday Lights At The Zoo



Holiday Night Lights are here once again at the Milwaukee County Zoo. Starting tonight, the zoo will be transformed into a Winter Wonderland, complete with festive lights and a variety of activities for families to enjoy.

In the Otto Borchert Family Special Exhibits Building, you will find a forest of Christmas trees decorated by area youth groups, each depicting an animal-themed movie. The event will also feature free hayrides through the zoo. Holiday Night Lights takes place December 1, 2, 8, 9, 15 and 16, from 6:00 pm to 9:00pm.

Slice Of Ice Opening Soon



The ice rink at Red Arrow Park is scheduled to open next Friday, December 8.

Opening night festivities take place on Friday afternoon. The event kicks off from 4:00pm to 4:45pm with a skating exhibition by the Milwaukee Figure Skating Club. This will be followed by a ribbon-cutting ceremony by County Executive Scott Walker. The Milwaukee Admirals mascot, Roscoe, will also be on hand.

The rink will be open Monday to Thursday from 2:00pm to 8:00pm, Friday and Saturday from 11:00am to 11:00pm, and Sunday from noon to 6:00pm.

Skating is free and skate rentals are available for \$5.00 per pair.